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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant
application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	10/072,402
Filing Date	8 February 2002
Examiner Name	Asinovsky, Olga
First Named Inventor	Rodrigues, Klein A. et al.
Group Art Unit	1711
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
- iii. ☐ Consider the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) under 37 CFR 1.97(d) previously filed on _____.
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Fee Transmittal, Change of Correspondence Address

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 14-0455.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) **08/29/2003 MBERHE 00000003 140455 10072402**
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) **01 FC:1801 750.00 DA**
- iii. ☐ Other Information Disclosure Fee
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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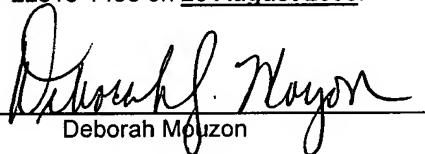
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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Dear Sir:

This Reply is in response to the final Office Action dated 26 June 2003. In reply to that outstanding Office Action, Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks –